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TEN CENTS A WEEK

RUSSIAN FLEET IS DEFEATED BY JAPS

Twelve Warships Have Been Sunk or Captured.

THEY COMPRISE BEST OF NAVY

The Slower Ships Were Sent to Vladivostok—Russian Battleships Borodino and Alexander III Are Destroyed. Two Defense Ironclads Captured.

Special to The Daily Sun.

Tokio, May 29, 2:50 p. m.—In the naval battle fought on Saturday in the straits of Korea all the Russian battleships, Borodino and Alexander III, the armored cruisers Admiral Nakahir, Dmitrievskii and Vladimir Monomakh, the coast defense ironclad Admiral Oushakov, the protected cruisers Vrietiana and Jemotuchig, the repair ship Kamchatka and the cruiser Irtys, were sunk. The battleships Orel and Nicholas I, and the coast defense ironclads Admiral Seniavin and General Admiral Upraxine were captured. The Japanese cruiser and ten torpedo boats are reported lost.

News from St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, May 27.—1:10 p. m. The tension in naval circles is very great. News of the meeting of the Russian and Japanese fleets is expected hourly. The dispatch from Tokio of the Associated Press saying it was rumored that the fleets have already engaged in the straits of Korea, aroused intense interest at the admiralty, but nothing confirmatory had been received there up to the time of this dispatch was filed. The majority of the officers were inclined to doubt the accuracy of the Tokio report, believing that Rojestvensky with his fighting ships is heading northward for the eastern part of Japan.

Others on the contrary consider it quite likely that Rojestvensky after passing out into the Pacific, doubled back through the Luch Islands and will take the straightest course for Vladivostok. Rojestvensky, they point out, is a believer in strategy and mystification, and his cruise in the peace of the Pacific have been not only to avoid the danger of mines and torpedo attacks in the shallow waters of the straits of Korea, but to drive the Japanese into the belief that his objective was the Tsugaru or LaProuz straits, where in reality he changed his course and headed for the straits of Korea. As a matter of fact, Rojestvensky was to have mystified his own admiralty as much as the Japanese.

Britisher Sights Russian Squadron.

Hong Kong, May 29.—The British fleet from St. Kilda, which arrived here from Kuchimotsu, Japan, reports having sighted early in the morning of Wednesday, May 24, 45 Russian vessels, including battleships, cruisers, torpedo boat destroyers, colliers, a hospital ship, and tugs, 140 miles westward of the Saddle Islands.

The Russians were stationary when sighted and most of the colliers were half empty. Subsequently the Russian vessels steamed away heading in a north-northeasterly direction.

Small Engagement Reported.

May 27.—1:45 p. m.—Imperial headquarters made the following announcement today:

May 26 our cavalry in driving of Russian cavalry northeastward occupied Hsuenlcheng, 18 miles north of Chang Tu. Otherwise, with exception of small collisions between detached parties on both sides the situation is unchanged.

Wits Ugan Being Hanged.

London, May 27.—The attorneys for William Williams, sentenced to be hanged for the murder of John Williams, are in a strange predicament. They would like to have the sentence commuted to life imprisonment, but Williams insists upon being hanged. All efforts of the attorneys to get the prisoner to agree have failed.

RAILROAD BRIDGE BLOWN UP.

Dynamite Is Supposed to Have Been Used—Cause Unknown.

New York, May 29.—A new Pennsylvania railroad iron bridge across the Hackensack river in Jersey City was blown up apparently by dynamite early today. The noise was heard throughout Jersey City. No one was hurt. No definite information has been obtained as to the cause of the explosion.

The new bridge spanned the Hackensack meadows from the foot of Newark avenue, Jersey City, and when completed would have been 400 feet long. The old bridge now in use stands 600 feet away and was not damaged.

While there is no motive of the action otherwise than pure malice, it is believed by the police who are now at work on the case that the explosion was caused by some person who rowed out under the structure in a boat. No estimate of the damage has yet been made.

Kaiser William Returns to Berlin.

Berlin, May 29.—Emperor William returned to Berlin today after nine weeks' absence from the capital. He looked well and was cheered by the people as he drove to the palace. The empress' private car was detached from the Wiesbaden train at Wild Park station. Her majesty was deeply veiled so as to conceal the bandages covering the injuries on her head sustained at Wiesbaden. The emperor during the day unveiled a statue of Emperor Frederick at Charlottenburg in commemoration of the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of Berlin's largest suburb.

Ocean Liner Passes Yachts.

London, May 29.—The American line steamer St. Louis, from New York, May 29, which passed the Lizard at 8:05 a. m. today reported to the Associated Press by a Marconi wireless dispatch that she passed successively Monday, May 22, the schooner yacht Endymion, the yawl Alisa and the schooner Hamburg between 12 p. m. and 7:50 p. m. The Hamburg was then 980 miles east of Sandy Hook lightship. The Endymion and Alisa were 843 and 845 miles respectively east of the same lightship when passed by the St. Louis.

Vice President at Portland.

Portland, Ore., May 29.—On his arrival in this city today to attend the opening ceremonies of the Lewis and Clark centennial exposition, Vice President Fairbanks will be met at the Union Depot and under the escort of two troops of the fortieth cavalry and a mounted band will proceed to the Hotel Portland where he will register. From the hotel the vice president will proceed under the same military escort to the residence of President Goode, of the exposition, where Mr. Fairbanks will be the guest of Mr. Goode during his stay in this city.

Negro Confesses Murder.

Birmingham, Ala., May 29.—Jim Walker, Jr., a negro, has confessed to the brutal murder of Merchant W. T. Hill, who was assassinated several weeks ago, and implicates his father. There was a small matter involved. Young Walker says his father commanded him to fire the first shot and the old man fired the second, while Hill was begging for life. Elder Walker was also arrested.

Brain Pierced by Pitchfork.

Kenton, Ohio, May 29.—Lee Miller, aged 4 years, was almost instantly killed at Ridgeway. Mrs. Miller, a little girl, climbed into a hayrack, and Lee was hanging by a pitchfork, prongs downward. She caught it by the handle, but let it fall, the prongs striking the top of his head, piercing the brain.

UNFAVORABLE TO A UNION.

Southern Presbyterians Fail to Agree on Proposition.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 29.—The forty-fifth general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church adjourned. Moderator Plunkett declared the convention dissolved and at the same time called the next meeting to be at Greenville, S. C., at 11 a. m. on the third Tuesday in May, 1906.

The discussion of the question of federation with other branches of the church was long drawn out and when the end came it was as far from a final settlement as at any time during the debate, which preceded the vote. There is an irreconcilable element in the church that forcefully manifested itself, which is opposed to federation and there is an element slightly stronger that favors it, but neither side could muster the necessary strength to definitely settle the matter.

Northern Presbyterians Adjourn.

Winona Lake, Ind., May 29.—The general assembly of the Presbyterian church completed its one hundred and seventeenth annual session today and adjourned. Routine matters such as the reports of the committee on narrative and judicial affairs occupied the closing session. Many of the commissioners left for their homes last night and on early morning trains today. About 200 commissioners will remain here over Sunday, not wishing to travel on that day. As there will be a very large amount of committee work during the next year, arrangements were made today for the several meetings. There are 20 special committees in addition to the standing committees and some of those have a membership of over 20.

FARMERS' UNION ADJOURN.

An Organization Has Been Completed in State of Georgia.

Thomaston, Ga., May 29.—The national convention of the Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America closed and the delegates have returned to their homes.

The state union will meet in Atlanta in October. State unions have been organized in Texas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Missouri and South Carolina will soon be organized.

This organization now numbers 250,000 of the farmers of the country.

C. S. Barrett, R. F. Duckworth and Captain F. J. Vining were elected as delegates to represent the Georgia union in the national convention, to convene in Texarkana, Sept. 7.

Thomaston will be permanent state headquarters for the state union.

Negro Held Sheriff at Bay.

Asheville, N. C., May 29.—After he had held off the sheriff of McDowell county at Old Fort last night with a loaded shotgun, Nat Crump, the negro who shot and seriously injured H. Clay Grubb from ambush at Salisbury last Monday, started toward Asheville, and when he was about 3 miles from the city he was seen, and was later reported to be in hiding in the negro quarter of the city. Six policemen, with loaded shotguns, surrounded the house. Crump, however, got wind of their coming and disappeared. The police are patrolling all sections of the city this morning in search of the outlaw for whose capture, dead or alive, a reward of \$750 is offered by the Salisbury authorities.

Bather Drowns at Tybee.

Savannah, Ga., May 29.—Walker Cutts, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cutts, was drowned at Tybee island this afternoon while surf bathing. Because of the prominence of the family, the universal esteem in which they are held and the personal popularity of the young man, the city is plunged in grief by the occurrence. At a late hour last night the body had not been recovered, though many were patrolling the beach with lanterns, looking for the sea to cast up its dead. The town is talking of the brave effort of a lady bather, a Rebekah delegate to the Odd Fellows' convention, to rescue Cutts. She swam out to him, but was unable to bring him to shore.

BOTH SIDES DESIRE CONTROL OF COUNCIL

EXAMINING SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Fifty Per Cent Show Some Physical Defect.

New York, May 29.—Physical examinations of school children in the primary grades made by inspectors for the board of health have produced statistics showing that more than 50 per cent of the pupils are suffering from defects.

The work of examining pupils is not yet finished. According to the commissioner of health this condition is not so alarming as the figures seem to indicate, because a majority of the ailments are of a minor character. The largest figures for any complaint were those of defective vision, but the records for bad nutrition, pulmonary and heart ailments were much greater than the experts believed they should be.

Methods are being employed by the department to extend aid and suggestions to the parents wherever possible.

FLOODS IN OKLAHOMA.

Heavy Rainfall Cause of Much Damage to Crops and Railroads.

Lawton, Okla., May 29.—Five inches of rain fell in this part of Oklahoma during the night, causing floods that did more or less damage.

In Lawton the streets were flooded and water stood a foot deep in many business houses. Most of the streams are higher and several washouts are reported. The St. Louis and San Francisco railway bridge over the Red river in the southern part of Greer county is reported out.

At Junction City and Lone Wolf, Okla., and Duncan, I. T., some damage was caused by a heavy wind and several persons are reported injured. No deaths are reported.

Lived Ten Months With Broken Neck.

New York, May 29.—After lying in a Brooklyn hospital for almost ten months with a broken neck and injuries to his spine in which time physicians from all parts of the country have visited him, Thomas O'Brien is dead. When O'Brien, who was 22 years old, received his injuries in a fall, arrived at the hospital the surgeons ventured an opinion that he might live for a day or so, but instead of dying when they predicted, he grew stronger, and made a fight for life, which attracted much attention among members of the medical fraternity.

Alabaman Cuts His Throat.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., May 29.—Late last evening Daniel G. Moore aged thirty-three and from one of the best families in this city was found dead under the residence in which his parents lived. By his side was a pocketknife with which he had taken his own life by cutting his throat. Upon examination it was found that he had stabbed himself several times in the chest. Mr. Moore was in a railroad wreck in Colorado some months ago after which his mind has never been just clear.

Brokerage Firm Suspends.

New York, May 29.—The suspension of Holzman & Co., stock brokers, whose main office is in Cincinnati, and a branch in Chicago, was announced on the New York stock exchange today. The embarrassment of the firm became known on Thursday when their formal assignment was made in Cincinnati. Charles Henrotin, of Chicago, is the New York exchange member of the firm.

To Dine Ambassador Cheats.

New York, May 29.—A dinner to welcome Ambassador Joseph E. Choate on his return from London has been arranged by the Pilgrims of the United States. It will be given June 9 at the Waldorf-Astoria. President Roosevelt and his cabinet officers have been invited and many other public men are expected as guests.

Philadelphia Wrought Up Over Gas Work Lease.

SECRET CONFERENCE IS CALLED

Mayor Weaver Has Gained Considerable Support and in All Probability His Veto Will Stand—State Organization May Be Involved.

Philadelphia, May 29.—Organization leaders are responsible for the statement that the United Gas Improvement company has withdrawn its offer to advance the city \$25,000,000 in consideration of an extension of the lease of the city gas works. This, no doubt, is the outcome of the conference between Messrs. Durham, Seger, McNeel and President Dolan, of the United States Gas company today.

Mayor Weaver and the Republican "organization" leaders are exerting all their efforts, former to gain control of council and the latter to prevent a sufficient number of defections from the "organization" ranks to sustain the mayor's veto of the gas lease resolution. When Mayor Weaver broke with the "organization" over the lease of the city gas works, it was not anticipated by any of those concerned in the fight that it would extend beyond the confines of the city. Developments during the past two days, however, indicate that the entire state organization is likely to become involved.

Since Thursday leaders from various other counties have been coming here seeking information and it is reported today that a call has been secretly issued from headquarters for a conference at Atlantic City, N. J. It is rumored that state and city leaders have been invited to attend the conference.

Mayor Weaver was today assured of the support of an additional select councilman, making 11 in that body who are said to be pledged to him. As divided up today council stands as follows on the gas lease proposition:

Originally voting against the lease, select 4, common 9, total 14.

Recruits against the lease, select 7, common 18, total 25.

Votes needed to sustain the mayor's veto, select, 17, common 34.

Japanese Colony for Texas.

Washington, May 29.—Japanese colonization is contemplated in Texas by a wealthy Japanese agriculturalist, who recently visited the United States according to a report submitted to the department of commerce and labor by Fred D. Fisher, the American consul at Tamsui, Formosa, who based his announcement upon recent publications in Japanese papers. The report says that 1,000 farmers are to be collected in Japan, and that as a first undertaking 9,800 acres will be cultivated in Paddy fields in Texas.

Electrical Devices for Railroad.

Chicago, May 29.—The Illinois Central railroad has begun to install an electrical interlocking device on 600 miles of the main line track and plans to extend it over the entire system as soon as possible. The device system consists of an electrical arrangement in each tower which prevents the operator from changing his own signals until the man in the next station releases the locks. Under the ordinary block signal the movement of trains has been controlled by one signal man at a time.

Leaves Estate Worth \$1,500,000.

Oakland, Cal., May 29.—The estate of the late Samuel T. Alexander, the Hawaiian sugar planter who died last fall in South Africa, has been appraised at \$1,500,000. Under the will \$100,000 is to be distributed among relatives. The remainder of the estate is to be divided among the widow and five children.